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**JANUARY 2018 UPDATE**

## **Council District 3 Honorees**



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**Member, Council Committees on Budget and Executive Matters & Legal Affairs**

### **HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

#### **Wednesday, Jan. 31**

Full Council	9 am
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#### **Tuesday, Jan. 23**

Planning	9 am
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Parks	10 <sup>30</sup> am
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Executive Matters	1pm
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#### **Wednesday, Jan. 24**

Budget	9am
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Public Works	1pm
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#### **Thursday, Jan. 25**

Zoning and Housing	9 am
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Transportation	1 pm
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Public Health	2 <sup>30</sup> pm
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Councilmember Anderson was proud to recognize members of the Honolulu City Council's 3<sup>rd</sup> District with proclamations honoring their significant athletic achievements. The Le Jardin Girls Volleyball Team was recognized for winning the 2017 Hawaii High School Athletic Association D-II State Championship (HHSAA). The Le Jardin Lady Bulldogs claimed the Division II state crown, with an incredible 2017 record finishing the season with only one loss.

On October 28, the Lady Bulldogs played rivals Hawaii Baptist Academy in the Hawaii High School Athletic Association D-II State Championship match for the third consecutive year. As rivals, both teams know each other well, and each expected the best from their opponent. True to form, it was a well-contested

match that resulted in a 25-23, 25-14, 22-25, 25-16 Le Jardin triumph over HBA before hundreds of impassioned fans at the Blaisdell Arena. The team continues to improve on its debut in the 2015 Division II State Tournament by winning its first State Championship in 2016 and repeating in 2017, while also winning its first ILH Division II Title.

Team Captains Julia Fisher and Natalie Piper, both Le Jardin seniors, were tasked with the job of bringing four freshman and four seniors together, along with one sophomore and one junior to play as a team and to honor the culture that past teams had built. Through Julia's and Natalie's dedication and leadership, the team persevered and came together as a tightly-knit family of talented young athletes.

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## **Council District 3 Honorees (Cont.)**

The 2017 Le Jardin's Lady Bulldogs team: Team Captains Julia Fisher and Natalie Piper, seniors Kailee Lyons and Arianna Lunow-Luke; junior Halle Hetzler, sophomore Danielle Miranda-Johnson and freshmen Nive Tuileta, Ellie Diersbock, Alishya Roman and Teia Piette. Special congratulations goes out to Julia Fisher and to Nive Tuileta for being named to the HHSAA D-II All-Tournament team and to Natalie Piper, who was named Most Outstanding Player by the All-Tournament committee.

Members of the Team Bradley paddling hui were recognized for winning the 2017 Nā Wahine O Ke Kai canoe race. On September 24, 2017 Team Bradley marked their 20<sup>th</sup> crossing of the forty-one mile Nā Wahine O Ke Kai race, finishing in 5 hours, 55 minutes and 22 seconds. This marks the 11th win for the victorious crew, including six straight crowns from 2005 to 2010. Team Bradley continues to hold the event record time of 5 hours, 22 minutes and 5 seconds which they set in 2008. This amazing team actually works out in one-person canoes and by cross-training, and paddles together only a few times each year. Over the years, the team has included women from across Hawai'i,

from the mainland and internationally—women who train all year to participate in the most extreme open-ocean paddling race on the planet. Team Bradley was founded by the late Mark Brewer in 1997 under his vision to form a team of talented individual paddlers with the opportunity to compete together on a world class level in the prestigious Nā Wahine O Ke Kai race. The team has continued Mark's dream with a mission to perpetuate the art of Hawaiian canoe paddling and to open up opportunities for the youth of Hawai'i.

The 2017 Team Bradley members: Cherisse Agorastos; Kealani Bartlett; Mahealani Botelho; Kristin Foster; Coral Gonzales; Alana Goo; Claire Ing; Kaulu Lu'uwai; Andrea Moller-Bouwens; Lori Nakamura; Nicole Pederson; Lauren Spalding; Noe Sawyer; and Dane Ward. The team is coached by veteran Team Bradley member, Kelley Fey.



## **Short Term Rental Task Force**

In an effort to address illegal vacation rentals throughout Oahu, Council Member Anderson joined the Mayor's Short Term Rental Task Force, an advisory group composed primarily of representatives of all vested stakeholders that will hold six meetings by February 2018 to discuss the various issues of concern on all elements regarding short term rentals, obtain all relevant information to offer reasonable, implementable solutions for an effective bill outline.

Some key elements to consider in crafting this proposed measure include: enforcement, licensing, permitting, zoning, fees, penalties and real property tax policy. The task force is hoping to have workable legislation to present to the Honolulu City Council for drafting and introduction by their last meeting on February 20, 2018.

## **2018 Real Property Tax Information**

Each year, it is extremely important that you review your property tax assessment especially with the creation of the "Residential A" classification. If you do find an error, please make sure to file for an appeal.

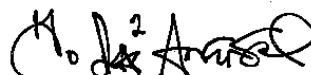
One of the first steps in preparing the City's annual budget is revenue forecasting. The City's main source of revenue remains property taxes, which are set by an annually-adjusted tax rate multiplied by the property value. The first step is determining the values of all taxable property within the City & County of Honolulu. Starting the week of December 15, 2017 the City mailed out the annual property assessment notices. These notices provide the property owner with information relating to what exemptions, if any, the property owner is entitled to and what the overall taxable value of the property is for the upcoming fiscal year.

Regarding the assessments, an owner's estimated tax obligation is shown but this notice is not a bill. The rate will not be set until mid-2018 when the City Council finalizes the budget. This is actually a notice of how the city will value your home for purposes of the 2018 property tax. If you disagree with the appraisal, you must take the following steps:

1. You have until January 15, 2018 to file an appeal.
2. For an appeal based on overvaluation, you need to get independent proof that your home is overvalued. You can go on the City's webpage ([www.honolulupropertytax.com](http://www.honolulupropertytax.com)) to view the values of neighboring properties that may have been used as comparison to set your assessment. You should provide factual information that those properties are not comparable.
3. You can appeal your assessment on one of four bases: 1) If you determine that your home is valued at at least 10% more than its real value, or 2) Lack of uniformity or inequality, brought about by illegality of the methods used or error in the application of the methods to the property involved, or 3) denial of an exemption to which the taxpayer is entitled and for which such person has qualified, or 4) illegality, on any ground arising under the Constitution or laws of the United States or the laws of the State or the ordinances of the City in addition to the ground of illegality of the methods used mentioned in clause 2.
4. To file an appeal to be reviewed by one of the City's board of reviews, you must submit an appeal form, which is usually enclosed with your property assessment notice. If your notice did not include one or you misplace it, you can obtain the form at [www.honolulu.gov/rpa](http://www.honolulu.gov/rpa) or by contacting the Real Property Assessment office at 527-5539. In submitting your appeal you must include the parcel ID and the reason for appeal. The cost of an appeal to the board of review is \$50, is non-refundable and must be included with your appeal. Lastly, the appeal must be signed by the owner. If someone is appealing on behalf of the owner, written authorization stating such must also be included. Additional information on appeals to the State Tax Appeals Court is available on the above website.
5. **YOU MUST STILL PAY YOUR TAXES EVEN IF YOU HAVE A PENDING APPEAL!** Even if you have submitted an appeal, you must still pay your taxes. Any adjustments made by the appeal board will be credited.
6. If you have a pending appeal and your property's value has not changed, the City will automatically file an appeal on your behalf. However, if your value has changed **YOU MUST FILE A NEW APPEAL!**

Your actual property tax bill will be based on your assessment minus your exemptions (currently \$80,000 for homeowners under age 65 and \$120,000 for those older than 65) times the property tax rate set by the Council in June.

For more information please visit: [www.realpropertyhonolulu.com](http://www.realpropertyhonolulu.com). Through this website you can register to receive your annual assessment notice electronically, access and download various forms and get important information on things like the appeal process. Malama Pono,



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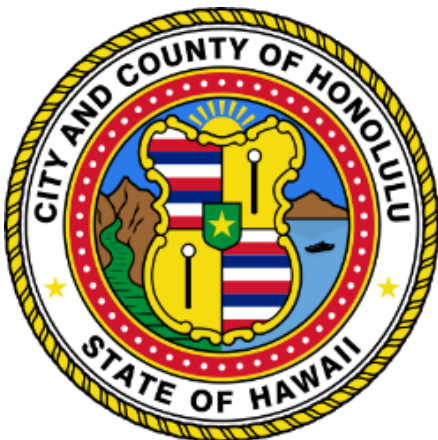
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## Windward Bus Route Changes



The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) along with Oahu Transit Services (OTS) is proposing modifications to TheBus Routes that service Windward Oahu. DTS will be discussing these changes at upcoming Windward Neighborhood Board meetings in January and February and will be soliciting public input on these changes.

There have been no major changes to the current bus system in the last 30 years and DTS wanted to modernize, integrate and redistribute TheBus service to provide convenient and direct access to employment centers, schools, shopping, recreation and medical services as well as an additional \$3.2 Million to be spent on these improved services for the windward side. DTS will use any comments and suggestions to refine these proposals to best fit the needs of the Windward Oahu Bus Riders. Please contact DTS/OTS with your comments, suggestions and concerns about these proposed route changes. You can contact DTS/OTS at:

- DTS: Direct: (808) 768-8367 (M-F, 8am-4pm)  
Voicemail: (808) 768-8368  
Email: [thebusstop@honolulu.gov](mailto:thebusstop@honolulu.gov)  
Survey: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/WindwardTheBusRoutes](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WindwardTheBusRoutes)
- OTS: Voicemail: (808) 768-9890  
Information: [www.thebus.org/WindwardTheBusRoutes](http://www.thebus.org/WindwardTheBusRoutes)

## Interest-Free Down Payment Loans

Councilmember Anderson would like to remind the public that qualified low-income and moderate-income families can receive interest-free down payment loans for home purchases. The Department of Community Services (DCS) is administering \$535,000 in Federal HOME funds for the loan program, and is accepting applications from applicants' mortgage lenders for loans up to \$40,000. Loans will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified households.

These federal funds can help O'ahu families purchase a home

and save thousands of dollars in interest payments and qualified households should take advantage of this gateway to homeownership and financial security. Interested families are required to apply for a loan through a mortgage lender after being approved for a first mortgage. There is no cost to apply. To qualify, applicants must provide five-percent of the purchase price as down payment and complete an approved homeownership course. A home inspection is also required. For more information, please call the DCS Loan Branch at 768-7076.